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SUBJECT: RAYMOND EDDE AND U.S. VIEWS ON LEBANESE PARTITION

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1. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, JAN 7, PAO AND I RECEIVED NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER MARKHAM. AMONG QUESTIONS HE RAISED WAS ATTITUDE RAYMOND EDDE AND OUR VIEWS ON PARTITION. I READ HIM ANSWER CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. LUNCED WITH RAYMOND EDDE JAN 6. HE DESCRIBES HIS THINKING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: ISRAEL WANTS PARTITION, USG BACKS ISRAEL 100 PERCENT, USG THEREFORE NOT OPPOSED TO PARTITION AND ITS INACTION IN LEBANON IS SUPPORTING PARTITION. I OF COURSE ARGUED THIS POINT BUT MADE LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS. EDDE OBVIOUSLY THINKS HE HAS A GOOD LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUE. WHILE HE SWEARS HE IS NOT REPEAT NOT A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY, HE CERTAINLY HAS THIS IN VIEW.

3. HE SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING LEBANON THE END OF THE WEEK FOR PARIS AND MIGHT GO ON TO NEW YORK FOR SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD ACCOMPLISH, AND HE SAID HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THE LEBANON WITH OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS. GODLEY

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